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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Robert Lowery, 58, of the Town of Dunn, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 72 months imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute marijuana. Lowery pleaded guilty to this charge on December 8, 2006.

On June 14, 2006, officers executed a search warrant at Lowery's residence on Lake Farm Road in the Town of Dunn. Officers uncovered approximately two kilograms of marijuana, 700 grams of cocaine, several loaded firearms, and \$48,000. The evidence revealed that Lowery arranged for over 100 kilograms of marijuana to be imported into the Madison area. Co-defendants Jason Carr and Heather Lane were previously sentenced to 42 and 33 months respectively for their role in transporting marijuana for Lowery.

The charges against Lowery were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigations-Narcotics Bureau, the Waukesha Metropolitan Drug Unit, and the Dane County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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